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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 671, L.D. 1666, “An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Updating the State Supplement and Removing Marriage Disincentives”

Amend the amendment by striking out the first instructional paragraph (page 1, lines 12 to 15 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3271, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2023, c. 405, Pt. A, §65, is further amended to read:

2. The department, to the extent allowed by Title XVI of the United States Social Security Act, as amended, and regulations promulgated thereunder, shall establish standard levels of state supplemental income benefits for blind, disabled and elderly people. The benefits must be provided under a modified flat benefit system, and may vary by marital status, and by living arrangements to the extent allowed by Title XVI of the United States Social Security Act, as amended, and regulations promulgated thereunder. The benefits may not be based on individual budgeted need and may not vary by category or geographical area. Benefits for a couple, ~~except as provided under section 3273, subsection 1, paragraph B,~~ must be equal to the sum of the amount of benefit for ~~an~~ each individual ~~and 50% of the benefit for an individual in the couple.'~~

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 1 in paragraph A in the 2nd line (page 1, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$65" and inserting the following: '\$10'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 1 in paragraph A in the last line (page 1, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$130" and inserting the following: '\$20'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 7 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income 0131

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for required updates to technology.

GENERAL FUND **2023-24** **2024-25**

SENATE AMENDMENT

1	All Other	\$0	\$32,400
2			
3	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$32,400</u>

State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income 0131

Initiative: Provides funding for amendments to the 1974 State Supplemental Income Act.

6	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
7	All Other	\$0	\$6,420
8			
9	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$6,420</u>

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

13		2023-24	2024-25
14			
15	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$38,820
16			
17	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$38,820</u>

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the minimum state supplemental income benefit to \$10 per month for an individual and \$20 per month for a couple instead of \$65 and \$130, respectively, as in the bill. The amendment also replaces the appropriations and allocations section and makes a technical correction.

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